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small barrack-type buildings adjacent to the canal. The male labor crews worked without shoes or shirts, using wheelbarrows, carts, pushing small rail cars, and crushing rock. the female workers were wearing black and white striped clothes.

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[redacted] areas of excavated ground where no laborers were observed. These excavated areas varied in depth from three or four meters to ten meters, and in width from 50 to 80 or 100 meters. [redacted] three small steam shovels [redacted] were Soviet-made.

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25X1 [REDACTED] engaged in the construction of the canal. Armed guards were observed with each group of laborers.

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The larger groups (estimated at 2,000) were guarded by soldiers armed with machine guns, and stationed in temporary guard towers.

5. Encl (A): Overlay of GSGS 4417 [redacted] Locations of canal construction activities. 25X1

25X1 Point #1 DIKE. [redacted] construction of a dike (Dig) extending into the sea. A rail line served this extension into the water. [redacted] laborers pushing small hand-type rail cars out onto the dike and dumping the rock (approximately three to four cubic m in size) in the water. [redacted] larger cars going to the area of the dike and dumping their loads of rock. [redacted] freight trains loaded with rock and working equipment. [redacted] an outlet to the sea from Lake Tasaul (Lacul Tasaul), northwest of the site, was being constructed. [redacted] the laborers at this site are political prisoners. [redacted] The rail line indicated on the overlay is an approximate position. [redacted] the rail line services the dike construction site. 25X1

- #2 PORTUL NAVODARI 4420N-2836E (the port of Navodari). Primarily a fishing site which was being enlarged. 25X1

- #3 CANAL EXCAVATION. Approximate position and direction of canal excavation work. The canal was paralleled on the west by a gravel road and on the east by the rail line. Along this entire area, [redacted] many trucks and other pieces of equipment, including one steam shovel. [redacted] the canal to be four m in depth and 30 m in width at this point. 25X1

- #4 MAMAIA AIRFIELD (Aerodromul Mamaia). [redacted] 25X1

- #5 UNIDENTIFIED FACTORY. Located south of Mamaia Airfield. [redacted] 25X1

- #6 PIPELINE. At this point, running north and south and adjacent to the canal excavation north of Mamaia, [redacted] metal piping estimated to be one-half m in diameter. The pipe was in a shallow trench. [redacted] sludge was pumped through this pipe to the lake to the south, Siut Ghiol Lake, in order to fill it in. [redacted] 25X1

- #7 LABOR AREA. In this area Indicated by broken line. [redacted] laborers breaking rock. [redacted] this area was serviced by a small rail line. [redacted] blasting to the west of the rail line, probably two km from it. 25X1

- #8 OVIDIU. A small village [redacted] The village contains barracks which housed laborers. [redacted] various types of working tools and equipment in the vicinity of the barracks. 25X1

- #9 THERMAL ELECTRIC POWER PLANT. This building appeared to be constructed of concrete, was approximately two or three stories high and modern in appearance. It was situated approximately 100 m west of the rail line. [redacted] 25X1

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#10 CONSTRUCTION AREA.

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[redacted] illumination was due to night construction work being carried out on the canal.

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6. Encl (B): Overlay of GSGS 4417, [redacted] Locations of canal construction activities.

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Point #1 JUNCTION OF RAIL LINE AND CANAL.

[redacted] within this area outlined with a broken line, the rail line crossed the canal. At intervals within the area, the canal running parallel to the rail line.

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The rail line crossed the canal at a point where excavation had not been carried out. The canal appeared to follow the route of natural valleys. Adjacent to the north edge of the canal where the rail line crosses, dike-like formations which consist of earth reinforced with stone. The dikes were three to four m high.

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[redacted] the canal in this area to be two to three m deep and 30 m wide.

- #2 LABOR AREA. [redacted] large groups of laborers, [redacted] appeared to be cutting away a hilly section in the path of the canal.

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- #3 CANAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY: Approximate position of canal construction [redacted] to the south of and approximately parallel to the rail line.

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7. Encl (C): [redacted] sketch of activities in the vicinity of Mamaia Airfield.

Point #1 RAILROAD LINE TO DIKE CONSTRUCTION IN BLACK SEA.

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[redacted] it serviced the dike construction.

- #2 PORTUL NAVODARI (Port of Navodari), and POSSIBLE CANAL CONSTRUCTION. Canal construction indicated is [redacted] the continuation of the canal.

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#3 DIKE CONSTRUCTION.

#4 GRAVEL ROAD. This road ran parallel to the canal ditch.

#5 STEAM SHOVEL.

#6 RAIL LINE. This rail line ran from Ovidiu to the construction area.

#7 MAMAIA AIRFIELD.

#8 PIPELINE.

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Point #1 RAIL LINE. Indicates possible small rail line leading to labor area.

25X1 #2 LABOR AREA. [] laborers crushing large stones which were loaded on wheelbarrows and small hand carts.

#3 BLASTING. []

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#4 BARRACKS. Laborers were housed in these barracks buildings.

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#5 THERMO ELECTRIC POWER PLANT.

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Point #1 DIKES. Relative position of dikes constructed along north side of canal in this area.

25X1 #2 POSSIBLE DIKES. []

#3 STEAM SHOVEL.

#4 STEAM SHOVEL.

#5 RAILROAD BED. Rail line was situated on an unexcavated segment of the canal.

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Enclosures: (A) Overlay of GSGS 4417, [] Locations of canal construction activities. 25X1

(B) Overlay of GSGS 4417, [] Locations of canal construction activities. 25X1

25X1 (C) [] sketch of activities in the vicinity of Mamaia Airfield.

25X1 (D) [] sketch of the Ovidiu area.

(E) [] sketch of junction of canal and rail line.

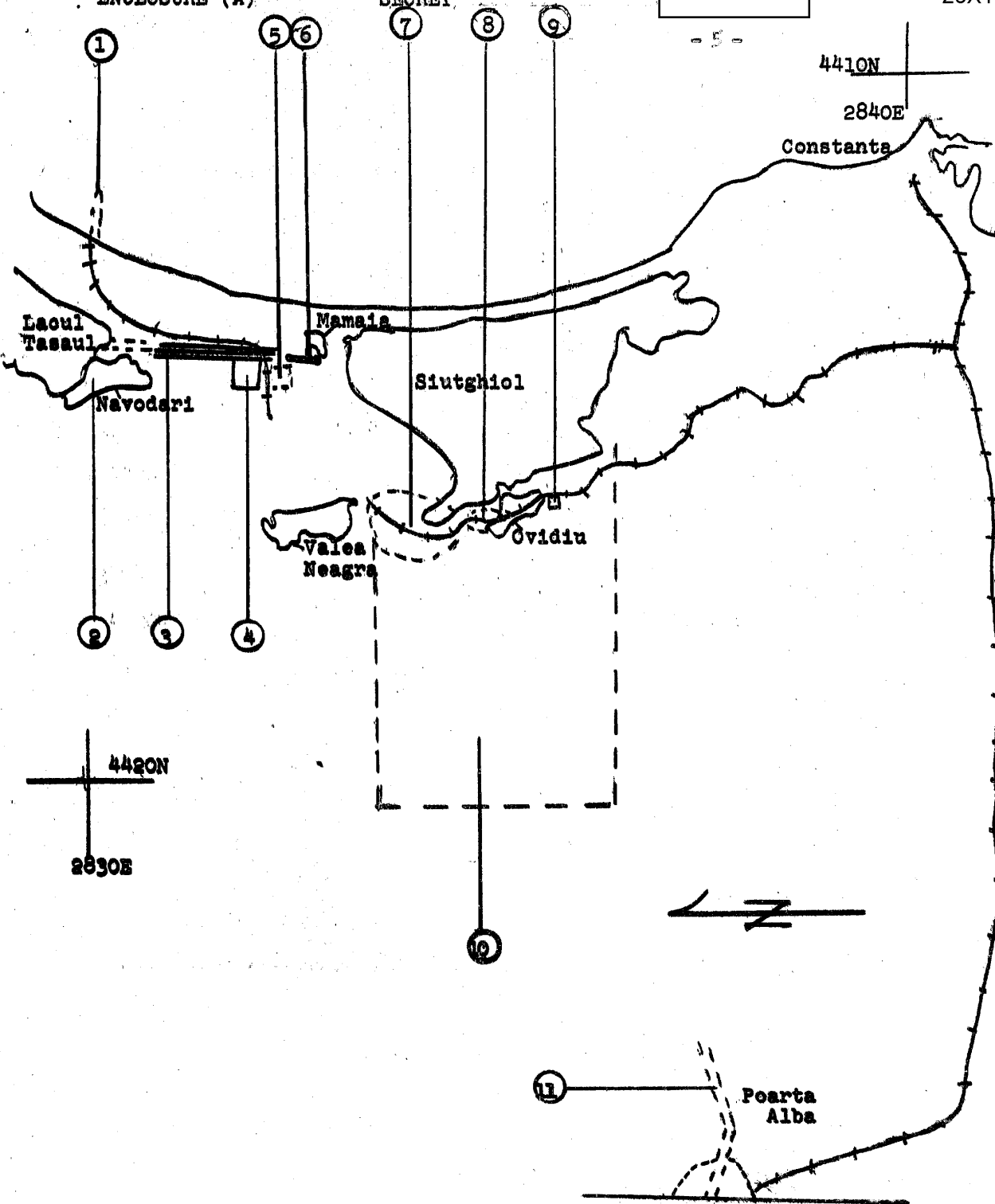
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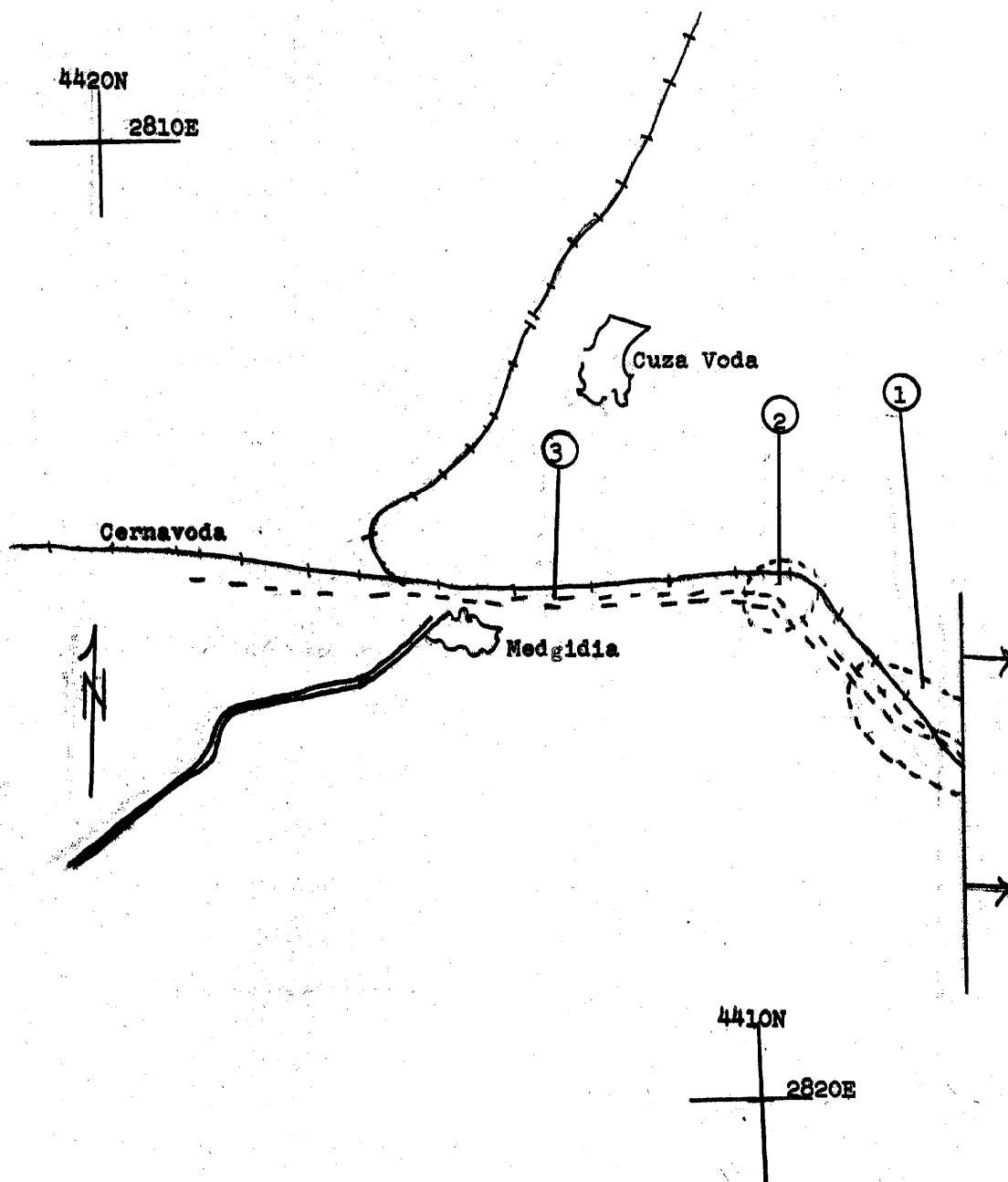
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Overlay of GSGS 4417
Locations of Canal Construction Activities

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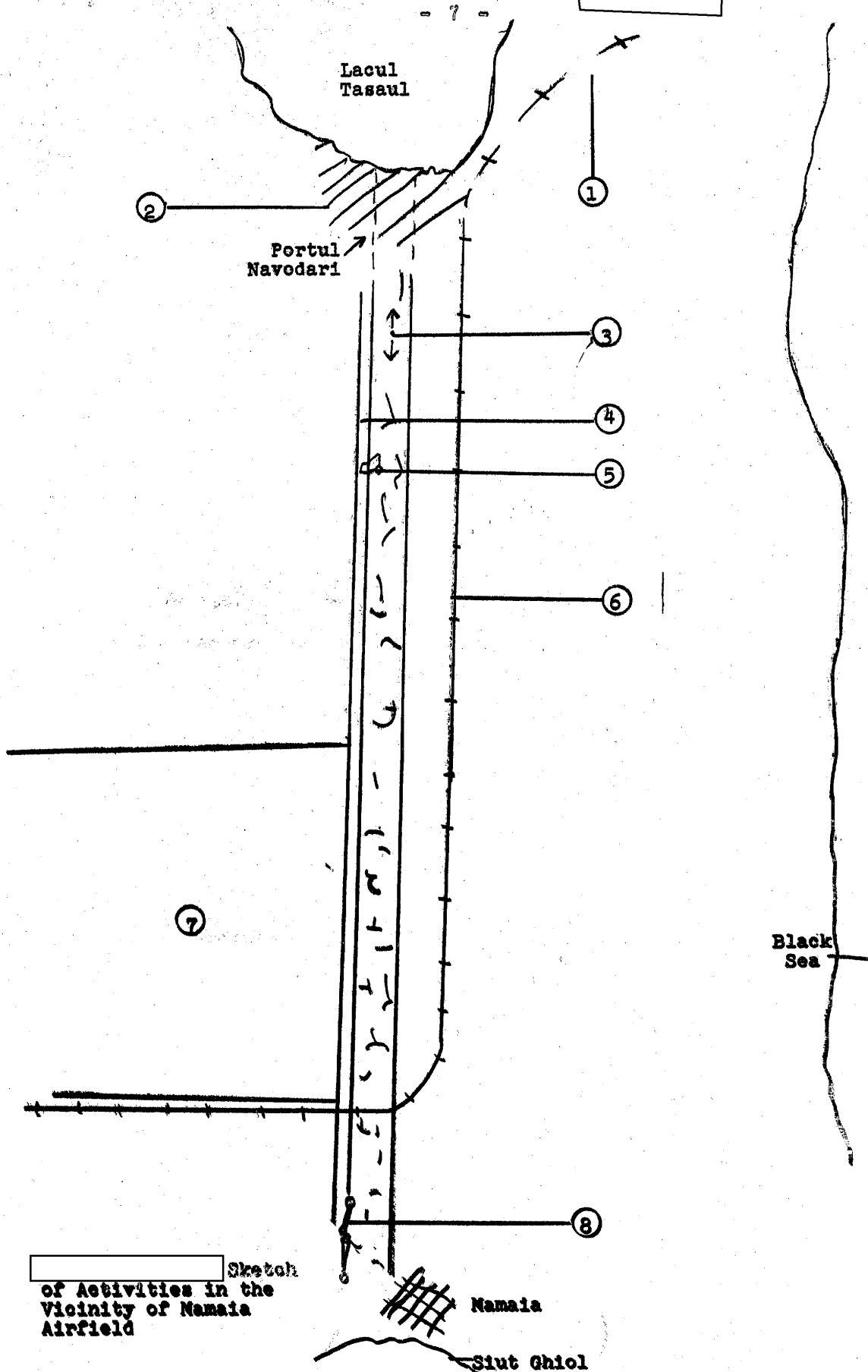
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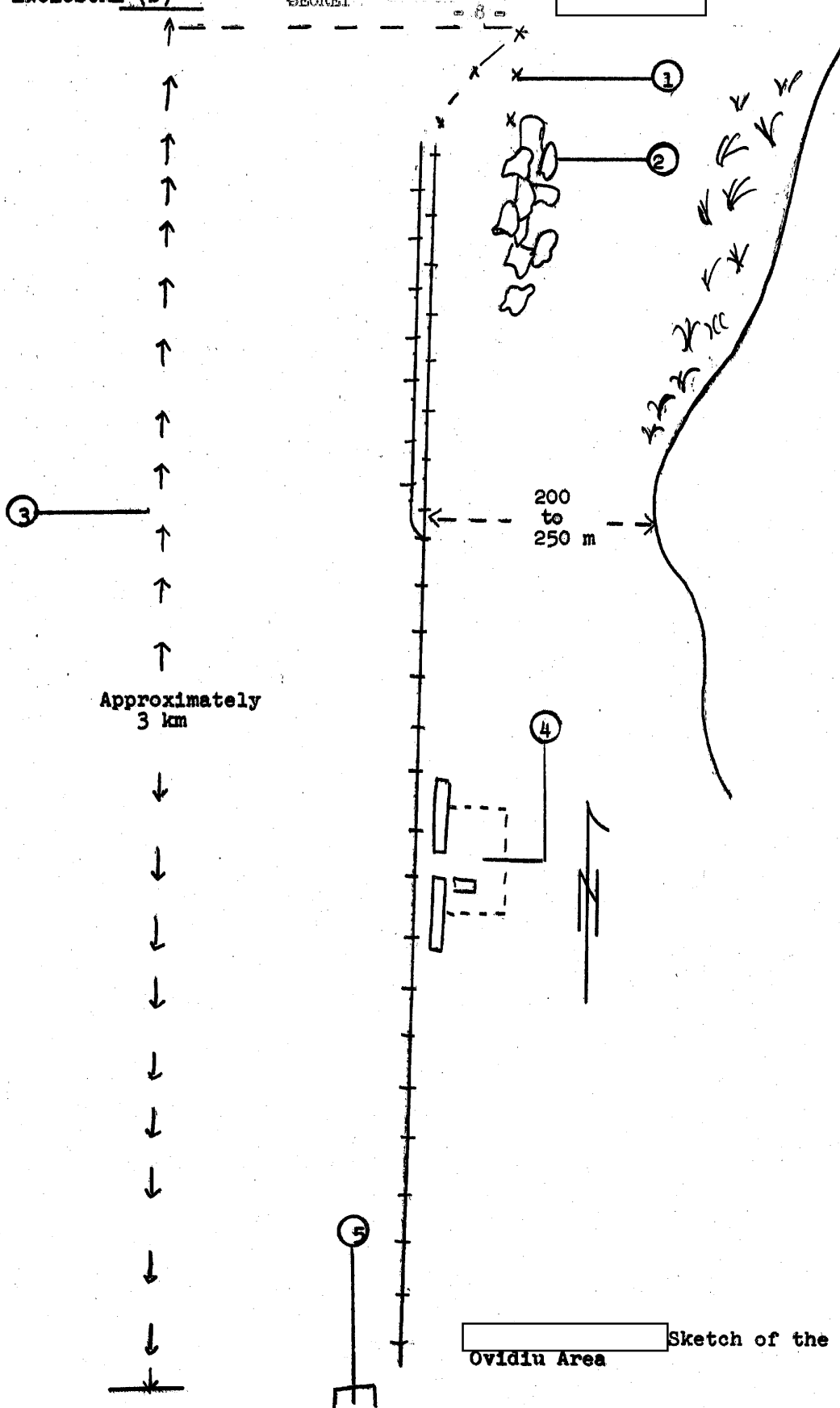


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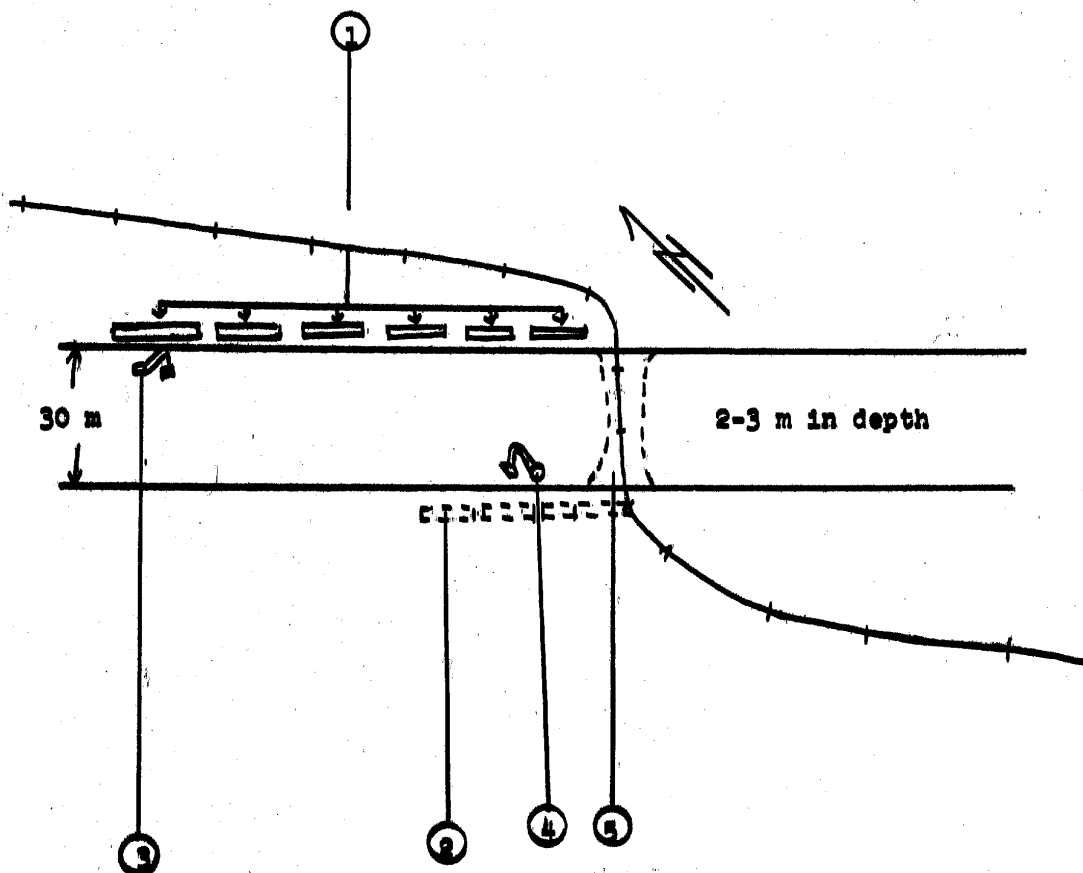
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Sketch of Junction of Canal and Rail Line

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